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A large variety of Fancy Silks from 35 cents to 90 cents per yard.  
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### Special Drive in Ladies' Footwear!

Our Spring Line of Ladies' Shoes is being increased every day. Takes in everything good and attractive in the market.

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We are making a drive in the Waverly ladies' shoe. 300 pair will be sold at \$2 a pair. Regular price is \$2.50. This may be the last of this line this season. We have them in C, D, EX EE widths. No better shoe is made for the money.

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A SHOE TALE!  
Only the happy wearers of Morgan's shoes can appreciate their real goodness of quality, fit and durability. The price of quality is a trial will tell a long story. See our special in ladies' shoes.  
**Alfred F. Morgan,**  
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## NEW CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS AND MATTINGS.

With more room and increased facilities in this line, we offer this week a large stock of New Carpets of all kinds and qualities. New Velvets and Body Brussels, new styles, handsome patterns.

## NEW TAPESTRIES

A large assortment of NEW INGRAINS, from 25 cents up. A bargain in INGRAINS at 25 cents, reduced from 35 cents. Three Ply all wool INGRAINS in new styles.

RAG CARPETS—A large stock, new patterns and extra qualities, from 25 cents up.

STAIR CARPETS in Velvets, Tapestry, Ingrain and Rag, from 20 cents up.

OIL CLOTHS AND LINOLEUM in great variety—one yard wide, from 20 cents up. Two yards wide, from 40 cents up.

New China Jointleap and Japan Cotton Warp Mattings.

## SPECIAL DRIVE IN CANNED GOODS.

A bargain in California Fruits—Peaches, Pears, Apricots and Egg Plums—2 cans for 25 cents.

Choice Northern Sugar Corn, 3 and 4 cans for 25 cents.

Fancy Quality Maryland Corn, 5 cans for 25 cents.

Choice Cold Packed Tomatoes, 4 cans for 25 cents.

Fancy Quality and extra size cans, 2 and 3 cans for 25 cents.

Try Our Choice Full Roller Flour—Quality Guaranteed, \$4.00 Per Barrel.

**At KEITER'S.**  
Next Door to Coffee House

## A THOUSAND DEAD

### One of the Most Appalling Disasters for Many Years.

### ST. LOUIS CYCLONE SWEPT.

### Hundreds of Lives Lost by the Wrecking of Steamboats.

### THE COLLAPSE OF A GRAND STAND.

While Reporting the St. Louis Horse Races, It is Reported, a Hundred and Fifty Lost Their Lives—The Steamer Great Republic, Crowded with Excursionists, Lost with Every Soul on Board—Hospitals Overcrowded with the Maimed, and the Morgue Has Not Sufficient Space for the Dead—Conflicting Reports of the Disaster.

CHICAGO, May 28.—One of the greatest disasters of recent years overwhelmed the city of St. Louis last evening in the shape of a cyclone, which began shortly after 5 o'clock, and for thirty minutes tore its awful way through the city with a velocity of eighty miles an hour. Although reports from there are very meager, owing to the almost total destruction of the telegraph wires, it seems certain that the number of dead and wounded will amount to fully a thousand, and the damage done to millions of dollars. The city hospital, which fortunately survived the storm, is filled to overflowing with mangled men, women and children, and the morgue within two hours after the end of the storm, was so full of corpses that it was necessary to provide other quarters for the reception of the dead.

In addition to those who were killed in their houses and in the streets, hundreds of dead are beneath the waters of the Mississippi river. Of all the steamers on the levee when the storm broke out, but one is now afloat. All the others have gone down, in many instances every soul on board being lost, and in others not over two or three being able to reach a place of safety. Among the boats destroyed is the excursion steamer Great Republic, one of the largest steamers on the lower river. Not a man escaped from her, and it is said she was crowded with excursionists when the storm came.

The center of the city is a wreck. Many buildings have been demolished and others wrecked. The streets are utterly impassable to street cars, and in many places progress on foot is a matter of great difficulty. To add to the horrors of the night the electric light plants were rendered incapable of service, and the gas lamps were also shut off, leaving the city in total darkness. Fire also broke out in several portions of the city, and the fire department was unable to check an effective fight, because of the mangled condition of the streets, and the large number of firemen who were engaged in the imperative work of rescuing the dead and wounded.

The first authentic information from the stricken city just late was sent out by the agent of the Associated Press, who managed to reach an outlying telegraph office, and sent a brief dispatch as follows: "A tornado, blowing at the rate of over eighty miles an hour, struck St. Louis to-night and raged for half an hour with great fury, and as a result hundreds of lives are lost on both sides of the river. Many buildings are blown down and many river steamers sunk with all on board. It is impossible at the present time to correctly estimate the number of lives lost, as the hospitals are filled with injured, and the morgue is filled with the maimed, while great numbers of the dead and maimed are lying among the ruins in all directions. A portion of the east end of the Eads bridge is destroyed, the grand stand at the fair grounds is down, the woman's portion of the jail is gone, and the immense Cuyler block is partially wrecked. The Waters and Plurise works are burning, and other buildings in various sections of the city are on fire."

The Western Union company announced that because of its inability to keep up its wires it would be impossible to send out any more messages from St. Louis, or its vicinity.

The reports regarding the duration of the storm are conflicting. About 5 o'clock the operator on the Watash road at a small station not far from East St. Louis managed to get to the operator at Decatur, Ill., long enough to send him word that the roundhouse of the Watash road was blown down, and the freight house of the Vandalla was wrecked and thirty-five men were killed in the ruins. After he had told this much the wire failed him.

Shortly after 5 o'clock the Watash operator at Decatur reported to the main dispatcher's office at Galesburg, Ill., that a cyclone had just passed through the country to the south of Decatur, and it was reported to have done great damage. In a few minutes he sent word that a second storm had passed through the country almost exactly in the track of the first, and that he was unable to get any more information regarding it, but that it was thought to have done great damage in the country lying east of East St. Louis.

The operator on the Alton road was unable to get any information from their men in the neighborhood of St. Louis, but reported that just before all their connections with that city were broken off they had received word that there had been a severe cyclone at Rush Hill, Mo., which is a small town on the Alton road not far from Mexico, Mo.

The dispatcher's office of the Illinois Central were unable all night to get any information from any point on their line south of Centralia. It was reported to them, however, that a cyclone had swept through all the country south of that point.

At East St. Louis the destruction seems greatest. H. C. Rice, the Western Union manager at the relay on the east side,

climbed across the demolition bridge and made his way into St. Louis. He reports that the National Hotel, Tremont House, Martell House, DeWolf cafe, the plant of the Hercul Milling company, Horn's cooper shops, and a great number of other buildings are wrecked and many of their occupants are known to be dead. The Vandalla roundhouse, the Vandalla freight house, in which thirty-five men are said to have been killed, the Baltimore and Ohio round house, the Standard Oil works, East St. Louis elevator, Crescent elevator and twelve other freight houses on the levee are destroyed.

The Great Republic and several more excursion steamers, with all on board, are reported to have gone down, and there is but one boat now at the levee of all which were there before the storm came. It is difficult to estimate the number of dead and wounded, but a rough estimate would place the number at about one thousand. The Western Union and Postal companies have lost every wire out of the city.

Some of the worst features of the disaster is thought to have taken place at the race track at St. Louis, where races were in full swing, and the grand stand was crowded with people. Returns from the St. Louis races are received at the track at Lakeside, Ind., and at a few minutes after 5 o'clock the operator sending the report of the races stopped his work long enough to remark, "There goes the grand stand," and then his wire collapsed, and nothing more was heard from him.

In a few seconds the same message was reported from Lexington, Ky., with the additional information that July 150 people were killed. This information was subsequently corroborated by the operator of the Watash road at Decatur, who said that in his second message received from East St. Louis it was declared that the grand stand at the races was down, and that fully 150 people were buried in the ruins.

A few minutes after 5 o'clock the operator of the Associated Press at St. Louis, who was in the act of taking the usual report, sent word that it was growing very dark and asked for a minute's delay that he might provide himself with a light. In a second more the wire snapped and it was impossible to get any further information from him or out of the town.

The local weather office in this city was unable to give any information regarding the storm, as they were informed early in the evening by the Western Union that it would not be able to send the usual weather bulletins from St. Louis. It was said, however, at the local office that the conditions had been all day favorable for severe storms all through Missouri and southern Illinois.

It is thought that the storm swept over St. Louis from the northwest to the southwest, as it is considered probable that the storm which was reported in the afternoon at Rush Hill, Mo., would require several hours to reach St. Louis, and the storm at two points are reported as having been long enough apart to enable the storm to cover the distance between Rush Hill and St. Louis.

The storm which tore through the country south of Centralia is said to have occurred at about 6 o'clock, or an hour after St. Louis was devastated. These three points are in a direct line from the north-west to the southeast and the weather of fields are inclined to believe that the storm was one and the same.

The Eads bridge, which is reported as having been badly damaged by the storm, was built in 1874, and was considered one of the strongest arch bridges in the world. It was built without a drawbridge, and rose to an elevation in the center and sloped down to the shore on either side. There was upon it a double railroad track, which was used by the trains of the Watash and Alton roads, a double passageway for wagons and a double passageway for pedes- trians. From the reports received it is not thought that it is as seriously damaged as to delay the train service of the roads which cross it to any large extent.

At midnight it was reported at the dispatcher's office of the Watash road at Forest City, Mo., that it was impossible to reach any point further south than Namsok, which is nine miles northwest from East St. Louis. The operator at that point said that up to midnight it had been impossible to obtain any definite information from St. Louis, but it was certain that fearful damage had been done. He said that the ruins at East St. Louis were on fire and burning furiously, but could tell nothing more than that. He had not been able to obtain any information from any of the Watash trains that had passed his station since 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The report of the damage to the bridge and the estimate of the number of dead and wounded, he said, were not confirmed with any accuracy, and the report of the destruction of the railroad depot in East St. Louis also lacked corroboration.

It is reported here this morning that the limited train from Chicago to St. Louis over the Alton road was blown into the river with a section of the Eads bridge, and 200 lives lost.

**At the Arcade Cafe.**  
This cafe which was formerly known as Brein's Halls Cafe, has changed its name and will henceforth be known as the Arcade cafe.

Delicious mock turtle soup will be served as free lunch to-night. Plenty for everybody.

Nice free lunch served every morning. Meals served at all hours.

**Seating Flowers.**  
Complaint is made that flowers are being stolen from graves in the Annunciation cemetery. Much indignation has been aroused and the guilty parties will not feel comfortable if detected in their acts.

**Died at the Almshouse.**  
David Davis, of Mahanoy City, an inmate of the almshouse since the 4th inst., died at that institution yesterday from Bright's disease. The deceased was 49 years of age, and has two sons living in Mahanoy City, residing at the home of William Davis.

**Camp 183, Notice.**  
Members of W. Camp No. 183, P. O. S. of A., will meet at their hall at 9:30 o'clock a. m., May 30th, to take part in the parade with Post 146, G. A. R., and other societies of town. By order of  
A. L. GRAY, Pres.  
Attest—D. G. RICHARDS, R. S. 5-28-96

## THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

### Last Session Before the Meeting For Re-Organization.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### Final Action Taken on the Lists of Tax Exonerations—Recommendations For State Certificates Granted to Several Teachers.

The last meeting of the School Board prior to the meeting to be held for final adjournment and re-organization was convened in the directors' room in the West street school building last night with the following members in attendance: Messrs. Morgan, Devitt, Hamra, Connors, Conry, O'Grady, Trezise, Manley, Edwards, Bang and Price.

Superintendent M. P. Whitaker made his statistical report for the school month ending on the 21st inst., as follows: Term enrollment—Boys, 1310; girls, 1092; total, 2402. Monthly enrollment—Boys, 1192; girls, 990; total, 2182. Percentage of attendance—Boys, 68; girls, 91; total, 92. Present every session, 293. Visits by citizens, 192; by directors, 8. Mr. Whitaker will read his annual report at the meeting next Monday evening.

The committee on exonerations made its final report in which it stated that of the \$2,217.43 in tax exonerations asked for \$2,243.47 had been allowed and the amount of exonerations allowed in the respective wards were: First ward, \$451.85; Second, \$287.94; Third, \$477.90; Fourth, \$463.53; Fifth, \$202.55. The report and recommendations were accepted.

The Board granted recommendations to the following named teachers for state certificates: Misses Mary Monaghan, Bridget Flynn, Tillie Kase, Lizzie Seaman, Julia Donahue, Mary C. Rasser, Hannah Scalan, M. Alice Leche and Annie B. Bierman.

The Board will meet again on Monday evening, next, to wind up the business of the fiscal year and re-organize for 1896-97.

**Hickory Cafe.**  
Our free lunch to-morrow morning will consist of nice clam soup.

**Col. Bushyshell Loses.**

PITTSBURGH, May 28.—A verdict for \$14,412.47 was rendered in favor of the plaintiff yesterday before Judge Butler, in the United States District Court, in the still suit of the United States against ex-Superintendent of the Mint Oliver C. Bushyshell and the receiver on his \$100,000 bond, brought to recover the remaining shortage caused by the thefts of gold bullion by ex-Chief Weigher Henry S. Cochran. The sureties on the bond are Ludwig S. Filbert, the executors of the estate of General William Lilly, the executors of the estate of George W. Childs, and the executors of the estate of John Mumhill.

**HIG BARGAINS**

In fine Nalghee shirts. At MAX LEVITZ.

**Snake in His Trousers.**

Joseph Griffin, a driver at the Lost Creek hotel, had a sensational experience while filling a pail at the store yesterday. He felt a peculiar, crawling sensation on the lower part of one of his legs and upon looking to ascertain the cause he found a garden snake had crawled up under his trousers. Griffin was momentarily paralyzed with fright, but quickly recovered self-possession, caught hold of the snake by the tail, pulled it from its novel place of hiding and killed it.

If you have carpet rags and wish them made into a good carpet send them to Fisher's carpet store. Carpet beaters of all kinds.

**Reaper Will Recover.**

Landlord W. S. Heppner, of Centralia, who was shot by Michael Kerrigan, continues to improve and his ultimate recovery is now almost a certainty. Kerrigan is still at large and it is said his "inflammation" is so strong that he will not be punished for his crime.

**El Capitan March.** Sousa's latest composition, at Brunni's jewelry and music goods store.

**Lost the Trolley Wheel.**

The trolley wheel of car No. 2 on the Lakeside Electric Railway broke last night when the car reached Jackson and the last scene of the trip to Mahanoy City was made by the motorman, Daniel Walters, holding the bar to the trolley.

**Young Man.**

If you want to wear the prettiest shoe in town, buy them at the Factory Shoe Store.

**Will Pay in the Morning.**

The employees of the P. & E. collieries in this district will be paid their wages at 7:30 o'clock next Saturday morning. The claims from the afternoon will give the pay clerks a half holiday.

**Camp 112, Notice.**

All members of W. Camp No. 112, P. O. S. of A., are respectfully notified that the camp will participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies, on Saturday next, and all members are urged to be in line of parade. Will meet at 9:00 a. m., parade to move at 9:30 a. m. Carriages will be provided for disabled members.  
W. H. KERRICK, Pres.  
Attest: J. S. WILLIAMS, Secy.

**Horse on a Rampage.**

Last night an unclaimed horse was on a rampage through the town. The horse wended his way down the First ward where he was captured by a crowd of boys who turned the animal over to the Chief Burgess.

A fine line of silk umbrellas just received which we are offering at the very lowest selling prices. At MAX LEVITZ, 15 East Centre street.

**The Arcade Opening.**

The Arcade cafe, formerly Brein's, Matt. Kephinick, last evening. The new proprietor showed his courtesy to the public by serving a free lunch and free beer from 7 to 10 a. m. The place was constantly thronged by the many patrons and everybody present was very highly pleased with the new proprietor's kindness.

## GOODS THAT GO.

### Get Ready For the Hot Wave.

Screen doors and window screens, plain and fancy.

Ice cream freezers, best make.

Hammocks, 10 kinds.

### Notion Department.

Special Silk Belts, worth 25c, price 15c.

Fans worth 10c, price 5c.

Handkerchiefs worth 10 cents, price 5c.

Shell hair pins 5c per dozen.

Flesh Brushes, all bristle, 50c.

GET ONE OF OUR 25c BROOMS AND A 15c BUCKET FOR 25c.

## GIRVIN'S

8 S. Main Street.

**Married.**

Miss Mary Foley, daughter of Mrs. Felix Quinn, of Mahanoy City, and Edward Dunn, of Ocala, Fla., were married at the former place yesterday afternoon. After the ceremony they drove to Pottsville and upon their return were tendered a reception.

The wedding of W. J. Glenn, of West Chester, and Miss Lizzie Stevens, of Fishback, will take place June 15th.

You can save place on two pair of shoes to buy the third by buying at factory prices at the Factory Shoe Store, J. A. Moser, Manager.

**The Floral Contributions.**

Many inquiries have been made as to where parties wishing to contribute flowers to the G. A. R. for use on Memorial Day should leave them. They can be left at O'Hara's livery stable, on North White street, up to 8 o'clock on Saturday morning.

**Columbia Breeding Company.**

The demand for the product of the Columbia Breeding Company is so great that they are obliged to keep buying additional horses, wagons and harness for their home and agency business. They bought from the last two cars brought here by William Neisewander all the horses suitable for their business. They patronize Shenandoah for everything produced here that is in their business, which speaks well for a town enterprise.

**Bradshaw Benefit.**

A musical and literary entertainment will be held at East Creek on June 1st, for the benefit of Austin Bradshaw, whose son, Joseph, was killed by a fall from a wheel watching a base ball game. The proceeds are to be used to defray the funeral expenses.

Get a "Periodical Ticket" book free. It.

**Change of Residence.**

Casselman Daniel Conkley to-day moved his family from East Floyd street to his recently purchased home on East Coal street. The change does not take Mr. Conkley out of the First ward.

## Going to . . . Paper That . . . Room This Spring?

We have the largest assortment of low and high priced paper to be found. Over 800 different patterns. Brown back at 5c. White back at 6c, 7c and 7 1/2c. Gifts at 6c, 7c, 8c and 8 1/2c. Strictly first class goods.

Room Mouldings in all the Latest Colorings.

Send to us for an estimate before you have any work done. Please state what price paper you want and we will submit samples.

## WINDOW; SHADES.

We don't handle any "snaps" to catch the unsuspecting public. Everything in this line is sold strictly on its merits and we guarantee better value for your money than you obtain elsewhere.

We are the oldest established wall paper and window shade house in Shenandoah. You can fully trust such a firm.

**F. J. Portz & Son,**  
SHELANDOAH, PA.

## Kirlin's Korn Kure Knocks

Out the worst tormentor in the quickest time. Only 10 cents.

## KIRLIN'S DRUG STORE,

6 South Main Street.